

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for synchronizing an event on a plurality of a client apparatuses, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing an event stored in a memory storage device;
- (b) connecting the client apparatuses and a host computer to a network; and
- (c) transmitting information from the host computer to the memory storage device utilizing the network for allowing the simultaneous playback of the event on each of the client apparatuses;
wherein only the host can transmit the information to the memory storage device to control the simultaneous playback.

Claim 2 (original): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the event includes a video and audio presentation.

Claim 3 (original): A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the event includes at least one of a movie, a concert, and a theatrical event.

Claim 4 (original): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is a wide area network.

Claim 5 (original): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the information includes a start time when the playback of the event is to begin on each of the client apparatuses.

Claim 6 (original): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the information includes an ending time when the playback of the event is to end on each of the client apparatuses.

Claim 7 (original): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the memory storage device includes a digital video disc (DVD) player.

Claim 8 (original): A method as recited in claim 7, wherein the information includes chapter information associated with the DVD.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising ~~the step of receiving input from the user~~ one of the client apparatuses, and ~~the~~ host altering the playback based on the input.

Claims 10-19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (new): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the information also includes a history of the simultaneous playback.